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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY MASSIMO DECAROLIS

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1. EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUNCHEd JULY 13 WITH NEWLY ELECTED DEPUTY MASSIMO DECAROLIS, WHOM WAITER RECOGNIZED IMMEDIATELY EVEN THOUGH DECAROLIS HAD NOT BEEN TO RESTAURANT BEFORE. DEPUTY, WHO RECEIVED MORE PREFERENTIAL VOTES THAN ANY CANDIDATE IN MILAN CONSTITUENCY AND WAS ONE OF BIGGEST VOTE GETTERS IN COUNTRY, SAID HE IS RECOGNIZED EVERYWHERE THESE DAYS. HE HIMSELF HAD EXPECTED ONLY HALF OF PREFERENTIAL VOTES HE GOT. HIS CONSERVATIVE, PRO-ATLANTIC MESSAGE, HE SAID, PLUS TACTIC OF CAMPAIGNING ONLY AMONG THOSE WHO MIGHT INFLUENCE OTHER VOTERS, HAD PAID OFF.

2. DECAROLIS, WHOSE BOYISH APPEARANCE ELICITS COMMENT FROM FRIEND AND FOE ALIKE, SAID HIS NEW LIFE IN CHAMBER IS MADE EASIER BY FACT THAT MANY OF HIS COLEAGUES--ESPECIALLY OLDER ONES--ARE MEDIOCRE FIGURES WHO SPEND MOST OF TIME IN POLITICAL GOSSIP. HE HIMSELF HAS EYES SET ON PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE SEAT AS SOON AS SOME MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENT OPENS ONE UP. (HE ALREAeY BELONGS TO NATIONAL

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PARTY COUNCIL.) PARTY LEADERS ARE NOT YET

CONSULTING WITH NEWLY-ELECTED DEPUTIES LIKE HIMSELF, SAID DECAROLIS, ON FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT. THAT IS WORRYING, AND SOMETHING HE INTENDS TO LOOK INTO. NOT THAT HE IS AS IDEALISTIC AS FELLOW MILAN WINNER ANDREA BORRUSO (COMUNIONE E LIBERAZIONE LEADER WHO FINISHED SECOND IN PREFERENTIAL VOTES ONLY TO DECAROLIS HIMSELF). DECAROLIS COMMENTED THAT BORRUSO'S ELECTORAL SUPPORT IS TIGHTLY DEFINED--ENCOMPASSING ONLY CERTAIN TYPE OF FERVENT CATHOLIC. HE RECKONED BORRUSO WOULD BE ABLE TO DO LITTLE IN PARLIAMENT.

3. ON WORK OF FORMING NEW GOVERNMENT, DECAROLIS CALLED IT CLEAR THAT HIS PARTY MUST GIVE COMMUNISTS SOMETHING--THOUGH CERTAINLY NOT MINISTERIAL POSTS--WITHOUT, HOWEVER, BETRAYING THOSE WHO VOTED DC. WHETHER PCI WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH AGREEMENT ON PARTY OF GOVERNMENTAL PROGRAM HE DIDNT KNOW. AGREEMENT ON SOME SPECIFIC POINTS WOULD BE EASY THOUGH NOT CERTAINLY ON ENTIRE PROGRAM. HE THOUGHT IT WAS GOOD TACTICAL MOVE TO HAVE GIVEN CHAMBER PRESIDENCY TO COMMUNIST PIETRO INGRAO. IT WAS CONCESSION THAT SHOULD LESSEN NEED FOR MORE IMPORTANT ONES LATER ON. (DECAROLIS AND GROUP OF ASSOCIATES VOTED AGAINST INGRAO, MOVE WHICH SOME OBSERVERS THOUGHT INDICATED EXCESSIVE RIGIDITY ON DECAROLIS' PART.)

4. CHOICE OF GUILIO ANDREOTTI TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT FOR CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS IS GOOD ONE, DECALRED DECAROLIS. ANDREOTTI IS DEFINITELY NOT PRO-COMMUNIST OR OVERLY PRO-SOCIALIST BUT IS ABLE TO DEAL SMOOTHLY WITH BOTH. (DECAROLIS EARLIER TOLD US HE FAVORED FORLANI TO HEAD NEW GOVERNMENT. SEE REFTEL.) SOCIALIST POSITION IN NEGOTIATIONS TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT IS VERY WEAK. PSI FEELS PSYCHOLOGICALLY BEATEN. THAT IS WHY PARTY MADE NO ATTEMPT TO HOLD ON TO CHAMBER PRESIDENCY. NOW THEY ARE PRACTICALLY WATCHING FROM THE SIDELINES. REAL DEALINGS CONCERN DC AND COMMUNISTS. SPEAKING OF SOCIALISTS, DECAROLIS SAID ELECTIONS DEMONSTRATED THAT BOTH

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THEY AND SMALL LAY PARTIES ARE FINISHED. THEY NO LONGER HAVE IMPORTANT ROLE IN ITALIAN POLITICS.

5. DECAROLIS SAID HE WILL RETAIN SEAT ON MILAN CITY COUNCIL AND WILL CONTINUE TO SPEND GOOD DEAL OF TIME IN MILAN. HIS NEXT AMBITION IS TO WIN PLACE ON DC CENTRAL COMMITTEE (ABOVE). IN MEANTIME, HE AND OTHER LIKEMINDED YOUNG DEPUTIES WILL

CONTINUE TO WORK HARD TO MAKE THEMSELVES HEARD.  
THEY ARE GRAVITATING, HE SAID, INTO ORBIT OF LONG-  
TIME DEPUTY FLAMINIM PICCOLI, WHOM DECAROLIS CALLED  
LEAST RIGID OF PARTY'S HISTORIC CHIEFS AND ONE WITH  
MANY CONTACTS AMONG YOUNGER DEPUTIES.PARSONS

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